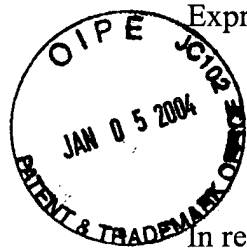


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In re application of:

Gurtej Sandhu et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period that was set for responding to the Office Action dated July 3, 2003 be extended for three months until January 3, 2004.

Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 including the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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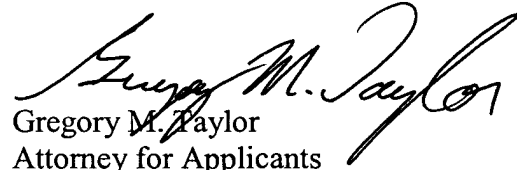
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Respectfully submitted,

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